

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT RESPONSE/AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 09/413,348

REMARKS

In response to the election of species requirement asserted by the Examiner in the March 27 Office Action, Applicants herewith elect the species or embodiment of Figure 1 for further prosecution on the merits. At least claims 6 and 2/6 are readable on Figure 1.

The Examiner indicated that *no claims are generic*, but this is erroneous. In any event, claim 1 has been cancelled in favor of new independent claim 6, the sole independent claim in the case, and claim 6 is indeed generic to all six of the disclosed embodiments. By way of clarification, and for the Examiner's benefit:

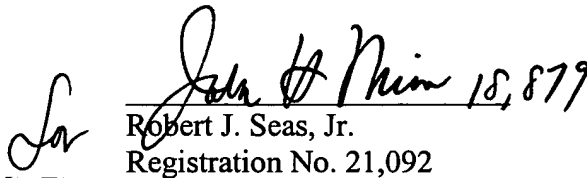
new independent claim 6 is generic to all of the disclosed embodiments,
dependent claim 2 is sub-generic to the embodiments of Figures 1, 2 and 3,
dependent claim 3 reads on the embodiment of Figure 4,
dependent claim 4 reads on the embodiment of Figure 5, and
dependent claim 5 reads on the embodiment of Figure 6.

Please note: the Examiner is kindly requested to acknowledge Applicants' claim to priority, and the receipt of the supporting certified copy filed concurrently with this application.

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